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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 August 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 35 and 38-55 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 35 and 47-55 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 38-46 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's response filed on 08/07/2007 has been fully considered. Claims 38 and 42-44 are amended, claims 1-34, 36 and 37 are canceled, and claims 35 and 38-55 are pending. Currently, claims 35 and 47-55 are withdrawn from consideration as non-elected invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

3. Claims 38-40, 42 and 44-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mosher, Jr. et al. (US 5,979,941).

4. Mosher teaches a card/badge comprising a plastic substrate (col. 3, lines 41-47), coating the substrate with an adhesive, and covering the substrate with a paper cover (col. 3, lines 60-64). In one embodiment, the substrate is being scored to form a scroelines in order to form segments such as card/badge, wristband and so on so as to selectively remove the segment (card/badge) along with the adhesive from the paper cover (col. 3, line 65-col. 4, line 2), and it can be adhered to the clothing of the individual utilizing the card/badge (col. 4, lines 2-4). Mosher further teaches that information is being printed on the card (segment) using a printer (col. 6, lines 9-10). Since Mosher teaches printing the card with the printer, it is understood that Mosher uses a card

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printer, and the cut card must be fed to the printer. If it is the applicant's position that this would not be the case: (1) evidence would need to be provided to support the applicant's position; and (2) it would be the Office's position that the application contains inadequate disclosure that there is no teaching as to how to obtain the claimed properties with only the claimed ingredients.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claim 41 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mosher, Jr. et al. (US 5,979,941) as applied to claim 38 above, and further in view of Wessel (US 4,583,766).

7. Mosher teaches the badge along with the method of making as set forth above. Mosher does not teach the use of polyvinylchloride (PVC) as the substrate. However, Wessel teaches the use of PVC to make a badge (abstract). Mosher and Wessel are combinable because they are from the same field of endeavor namely badge and method of making. At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to combine the PVC of Wessel with the invention of Mosher, and the motivation would be to reduce cost and enhance printing quality.

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8. Claim 43 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mosher, Jr. et al. (US 5,979,941) as applied to claim 38 above.

9. Mosher teaches the claimed invention except for slots or holes in the card/badge. It would have been obvious matter of design choice to make slots or holes in the labels, since applicant has not disclosed that the slots and holes solves any stated problem or is for any particular purpose and it appears that the invention would perform equally well with the slots and holes.

Conclusion

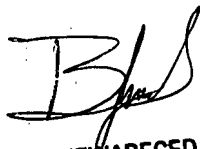
10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Betelhem Shewareged whose telephone number is 571-272-1529. The examiner can normally be reached on MAX FLEX.

11. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on 571-272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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